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Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, 1.182 to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment

The Applicants hereby petition the Director to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment issued on November 24, 2009.

FACTS

- 1.) A Notice of Abandonment was issued by the Examiner on November 24, 2009, on the basis that Applicants had not filed a response to a Non Final Office Action mailed on 07 November 2008. (Exhibit A)
- 2.) Applicants never received a Non Final Office Action dated November 7, 2008.
- 3.) Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, the Applicants checked PAIR and discovered that on November 17, 2008, the Non Final Office Action was "returned to USPTO as undelivered." (Exhibit B)

- 4.) Applicants printed a copy of the document associated with the PAIR entry for the undelivered mail, the first page of which is a copy of the envelope with no delivery address visible in the envelope window. (Exhibit C)
- 5.) The copy of the address sheet for the office action (Exhibit D), stamped with the date of return to the USPTO on November 17, 2008, does not reflect any creases from having been properly folded and placed in the envelope whereby the address would properly appear in the envelope address window.

USPTO PRACTICE

MPEP Section 707.13 states the practice of the USPTO with respect to returned Office Actions

707.13 Returned Office Action

Office actions are sometimes returned to the Office because the United States Postal Service has not been able to deliver them. Upon receipt of the returned Office action, the Technology Center (TC) technical support staff will check the application file record to ensure that the Office action was mailed to the correct correspondence address. If the Office action was not mailed to the correct correspondence address, it should be stamped "remailed" with the remailing date and mailed to the correct correspondence address. The period running against the application begins with the date of remailing. If the Office action was mailed to the correct correspondence address and it was addressed to an attorney or agent, a letter may be written to the inventor or assignee informing him or her of the returned action. The period running against the application begins with the date of remailing. Exparte Gourtoff, 1924 C.D. 153, 329 O.G. 536 (Comm'r Pat. 1924).

If the Office is not finally successful in delivering the letter, it is placed, with the envelope, in the file wrapper. For an Image File Wrapper (IFW), a copy of the letter* and a copy of the envelope should be added to the IFW (see IFW Manual). If the period dating from the remailing elapses with no communication from applicant, the application is abandoned.

(emphasis added)

Furthermore, according to MPEP §711.03(c), ¶1.A.:

In Delgar v. Schulyer, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971), the court decided that the Office should mail a new Notice of Allowance in view of the evidence presented in support of the contention that the applicant's

representative did not receive the original Notice of Allowance. <u>Under the reasoning of Delgar</u>, an allegation that an Office action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. <u>If adequately supported</u>, the Office may grant the <u>petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and remail the Office action</u>. That is, the reasoning of *Delgar* is applicable regardless of whether an application is held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee (35 U.S.C. 151) or for failure to prosecute (35 U.S.C. 133).

To minimize costs and burdens to practitioners and the Office, the Office has modified the showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office action. The showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement. For example, if a three month period for reply was set in the nonreceived Office action, a copy of the docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the nonreceived Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office action. (emphasis added)

ARGUMENT

According to PAIR, the Non Final Office Action was returned to the USPTO as undelivered. Under USPTO practice, however, the correct correspondence address should be verified and the correspondence <u>remailed</u>. There is no record in PAIR of such remailing. Furthermore, the copy of the envelope in the Image File Wrapper (Exhibit C) does not show a delivery address visible in the envelope window, nor does the copy of the address sheet for the office action (Exhibit D), stamped with the date of return to the USPTO on March 2, 2007, reflect any creases from having been properly folded and placed in the envelope whereby the address would properly appear in the envelope address window. Therefore, it appears that the Non Final Office Action was not delivered to the Applicants because of a failure of the USPTO to properly mail, and remail, the correspondence to the Applicants.

Thus, the Applicants should not be required to file a Petition for Revival or pay the requisite fee. However, if the United States Patent and Trademark Office finds otherwise, please pay the proper fee from Deposit Account Number 501379.

Under the showing specified in MPEP §711.03(c), ¶1.A., the undersigned attests that:

- 1.) the Non Final Office Action dated November 7, 2008, was not received by the practitioner; and,
- 2.) a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received.

Also, submitted herewith (Exhibit E) is a copy of Applicant's docket record, where the non-received Non Final Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed, showing the proper docketing of prior office actions ("Official Action").

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the Non Final Office Action dated November 7, 2008, be properly remailed.

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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7. 🗵 The reason(s) below:		
see attached interview summary		
	/Kenneth R Coulter/	
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(1) <u>Kenneth R. Coulter</u> .	(3)			
(2) Sidney Weatherford (Reg. No. 45,602).	(4)			
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner contacted Applicant's representative, Sidney Weatherford, to inquire about the status of the application since no reply to the non-final office action mailed 11/7/08 has been received. Applicant's representative indicated that the office action mailed 11/7/08 was never received. Since no response has been sent or received, the Application will be abandoned.

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